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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR CONSULTATIONS

FOR ARA/BR ZIMMERMAN

1. DURING MY CONSULTATIONS I WANT PARTICULARLY TO REVIEW WITH THE KEY INTERESTED OFFICERS OF THE DEPT THE CURRENT STATE OF US-GOB RELATIONS AND THE OUTLOOK FOR THE SHORT- AND MID-TERM. I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SITTING DOWN WITH DEPT OFFICERS FOR A THOROUGH-GOING EXAMINATION OF MY THINKING AND THEIR THINKING ON WHITHER THE US-GOB RELATIONSHIP IN THE LIGHT OF THE POLICY AND OPERATIONAL DIVERGENCES THAT HAVE BEEN MANIFESTED SINCE THE ACCESSION OF THE GEISEL GOVERNMENT AND OF THE VERY REAL PROSPECTS--AS I SEE THEM-- FOR RISING CONFLICT IN THE YEAR AHEAD. I ENVISAGE A RATHER LONG SESSION--OR, IF NECESSARY, A SERIES OF SESSIONS-- IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE THE KEY PARTICIPANTS: ROGERS AND/OR RYAN: FISHLOW: YOU AND OTHERS FROM ARA/BR: LEWIS AND EINAUDI FROM S/P: LOW OF THE NSC STAFF: SOMEONE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SENIOR FROM E/B: SOMEONE FROM INR. THIS, I REPEAT, WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE PERCEPTIONS ABOUT BRAZIL, ITS EVOLVING ROLE, AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR US. FOR ME IT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE THAT I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY THE HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON APPROACH. FOR ALL OF US, IT WOULD PERMIT THE IDENTIFICATION AND

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RESOLUTION OF POSSIBLE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT OR DIFFERENCES

OF APPRECIATION.

2. I WANT, OF COURSE, TO REVIEW WITH THE RESPONSIBLE BUREAUS AND AGENCIES-- BUT FIRST WITHIN ARA AND THEN THE DEPT-- THE STATUS OF THE MAJOR ISSUES THAT ARE NOW, OR MAY SHORTLY BE, BEFORE US: THE NUCLEAR QUESTION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS: THE TRADE ISSUES (SHOES, SOYBEANS, TEXTILES, COUNTER-VAILING DUTY PROCEEDINGS: COFFEE AGREEMENT): HUMAN RIGHTS: THE AVIATION CONSULTATIONS: THE SHRIMP AGREEMENT: THE SHARED RESOURCES/INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES QUESTION: THE "GLOBAL ISSUES" AND BRAZIL'S ROLE IN THEM.

3. I THINK IT WOULD BE LOGICAL IF THE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION I REFER TO IN PARA 1 BE SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND WEEK, WITH MY STOCKTAKING EFFORT, (PARA 2) WHICH IS INTENDED TO GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS THE REALITY OF SOME OF MY CONCERNS, TO BE CARRIED OUT FIRST.

4. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ESSENTIALLY INTERNAL USG PROBLEMS THAT I WANT TO COVER: CLEAN SWEEP: THE AIFLD QUESTION: FMS LEVELS: THE REORGANIZATION OF USDEL JBUSMC MADE NECESSARY BY THE LIMITATIONS ON GENERAL OFFICERS' BILLETS: THE NEED FOR URGENCY ON THE SAO PAULO TRADE CENTER: USDA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOB AND STATE GOVERNMENTS: POST-AID LINKAGES: THE APPROPRIATE EMBASSY STANCE TOWARD PORTUGUESE EXILES.

5. FINALLY, THERE ARE A SERIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL QUESTIONS THAT I WILL BE TAKING UP WITH ARA/MGT AND OTHERS IN THE INTERSTICES OF THE SUBSTANTIVE CONSULTATIONS.

6. AS YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE TO AVOID, INsofar AS POSSIBLE, THE SHUTTling-AROUND-WASHINGTON BIT WITH OTHER AGENCIES. TO REPEAT MYSELF IN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LANGUAGE: THE BASIC THING I WANT OUT OF THE CONSULTATIONS IS TO BE SURE, THROUGH A CAREFUL AND COMPLETE JOINT REVIEW, THAT THE DEPT AND I ARE AS ONE IN OUR PERCEPTIONS AND APPRECIATIONS OF WHAT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED, WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING AND WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN THE SHORT-AND MIDDLE-RUN IN THE US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONSHIP, SO THAT OUR POLICIES, COURSES

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